

**SAMPSON COUNTY,
NORTH CAROLINA**

July 1, 2019

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 1, 2019 in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Chairman Clark Wooten, Vice Chairperson Sue Lee, and Commissioner Jerol Kivett. Absent: Commissioners Thaddeus Godwin and Harry Parker.

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order and acknowledged Vice Chairperson Lee who called upon Commissioner Kivett for the invocation. Vice Chairperson Lee then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following changes: Item 2 (f) Appointments - Convention and Visitors Bureau and Economic Development Commission appointments were added; Item 2 (g) Airport Terminal Parking Lot Paving Project documents were added.

Roads

NCDOT District Engineer Keith Jackson provided the Board with an update on road projects, noting that July 1 starts off their 2020 fiscal year and the ongoing 2019 resurfacing contract projects on Dunn Road, HB Lewis Road, North Carolina Highway 411, and Bowen Road in the Harrells community. He also mentioned that the 2020 Resurfacing Plan had been completed and submitted but a date to let the contract was not provided at this time. He informed the Board that the 2020 Maintenance Plan, which includes approximately 250 miles of road shoulder clipping and ditch digging maintenance work and repairing approximately 50 damaged pipes, was expected to begin in July. He then provided an update on damages caused by Hurricane Florence in September of 2018, stating that all repair work is expected to be completed in August 2019. He informed the Board that the name of the NCDOT Traffic Incident Management System (TIMS) has been changed to DriveNC, and included a website change and update of the Push Notification system. He noted that the NCDOT is in the process of developing an emergency call notification system that will notify citizens of road closures and emergency events occurring within a general vicinity. He concluded by stating that his office is still working on the project at the intersection of Reedsford Road and Billy Lane. Commissioner Wooten asked Mr. Jackson about the progress of projects in the Ivanhoe community. Mr. Jackson stated that he would get more information and provide the Board with an update once obtained.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments, and the following comment was received:

Russell Devane: My name is Russell Devane and I live at 715 G Shaw Road in Ivanhoe. I got a call from Sherriff Thornton on last Tuesday in reference to the new evacuation route we are trying to build down in Ivanhoe so that a lot of our residents won't be stranded when it comes to hurricanes and stuff like that and Sherriff Thornton informed me that he had talked with Mr. William Brisson up in Raleigh and that they had informed him, which in fact he informed me, that we had gotten over \$2,000,000.

The Chairman cautioned that the State budget had yet to be completed. Mr. Devane noted that his information was from Mr. Imes, who had discussed the matter with Representative William Brisson.

Vice Chairperson Lee expressed gratitude for Mr. Keith Jackson's efforts.

Item 1: Presentation and Reports

Recognition of Retirees Retiree Roseann Brown was not present to receive the recognition plaque.

Item 2: Action Items

Tax Settlement and Charge to Tax Collector Tax Administrator Jim Johnson reported to the Board the amount of \$1,098,754.06 of unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year which are liens on real property. This total is \$64,563.60 less than the previous fiscal year, although there was approximately \$300,000.00 increase in the levy from the previous year. Mr. Johnson noted that Sampson County had collected 97.61% of real and personal property taxes, the highest it has been in the past 14 years. Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to accept the settlement and charged the Tax Collector with collection of taxes for FY 2019-2020. (Copy of Tax Charge filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

Amendment to Personnel Resolution Related to Membership in Retirement System Finance Officer David Clack noted that as part of the budget process, a waiting period for membership in the Local Government Employees Retirement System (LGERS) was proposed, and that under the waiting period new hires will not be allowed to join the retirement system for six months. The new policy requires that the Personnel Resolution is updated to reflect the new policy. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted

unanimously to adopt the changes to the Personnel Resolution. (Copy of Amendment filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

Sampson Area Transportation Request to Apply for Grant Funding

Transportation Director Rosemarie Oates informed the Board of the opportunity to apply for NCDOT FY 2020 Job Access Reverse Commute grant funding in the amount of \$20,000.00. She requested authorization for execution of submission of the grant documents and for the Board to schedule the mandated public hearing. Upon a motion made by Chairman Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the execution and submission of the grant application and schedule the required public hearing for August 5, 2019 (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____).

Award of Contract for Consultant Services Related to the Recruitment, Screening and Selection of an Economic Developer Human Resources Director Nancy Dillman presented a contract for consultation services related to the recruitment, screening, and selection of an Economic Developer, and recommended Developmental Associates, LLL. She noted that as part of the selection process, Developmental Associates, LLC conducts very thorough 60-90-day vetting process of its clients prior to recommendation. Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the contract for consulting services with Developmental Associates, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$18,825. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____).

Designation of Voting Delegate - NCACC Annual Conference (August 22-24, 2019) Upon a motion made by Chairman Wooten and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to designate Commissioner Kivett to serve as the County's voting delegate at the NCACC Annual Conference (Copy of the voting delegate designation filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____).

Appointment - Aging Advisory Board (MCCOG) Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Jacqueline Howard to the Mid-Carolina Council of Government Aging Advisory Board.

Appointment - Social Services Advisory Committee Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Jeff Gray to the Social Services Advisory Committee.

Appointment - Convention and Visitors Bureau Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Deborah Thompson and reappoint Matthew Register to the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Appointment - Economic Development Commission Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint John Baxter, Tim Butler, Bryan Griffin, and Dewayne West to the Economic Development Commission.

(Walk on) Airport Terminal Parking Lot Paving Project County Attorney Joel Starling informed the Board that the City of Clinton and the County had issued an RFP for parking lot paving at the airport terminal building. There were two bids received, with Highland Paving Co., LLC, of Eastover, NC being the lowest responsible bidder. Mr. Starling noted that the State grant-funded project had a 10% local match, which was allocated between the Clinton City and the County. He also noted that the Airport Advisory Board had previously voted on proceeding with the project if a qualified bid was received to be not more than 20% of the engineer's estimate. He noted that paving was scheduled to begin in July. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to award the paving bid to Highland Paving Co. LLC . Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the budget amendment for the project as presented:

EXPENDITURE

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
	Capital Outlay Paving	\$102,587.00	
	Legal	\$500.00	
	Contingency	\$4,613.00	

REVENUE

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
	State Grant	\$96,930.00	
	City of Clinton	\$500.00	
	County Contribution	\$4,613.00	

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Capital Project Ordinance (Copy filed in Ordinance Book ____ Page ____). Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract between Sampson County and the City of Clinton and Highland Paving Co., LLC (Copy of the contract and bid documents filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____).

The Chairman expressed appreciation for the staff members involved in the airport improvement projects, noting that the airport is essential to attracting future economic development prospects.

Item 3: Consent Agenda

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- a. Approved the minutes of the June 3, 2019; June 10, 2019; and June 17, 2019 meetings
- b. Adopted a proclamation honoring Sampson Chapel Church on their centennial (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- c. Approved the execution of contracts for non-emergency medical transportation between Sampson County (Department of Social Services) and The Gardens of Roseboro, The Magnolia, and Sampson Area Transportation (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- d. Approved the execution of contracts for legal services between Sampson County (Department of Social Services) and Tiffany Naylor and Warrick & Bradshaw (Copies filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- e. Approved the execution of the contract documents and specifications for the Clinton-Sampson Airport Runway 24 Land Clearing project (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- f. Approved and authorized the execution of the FY 2019-2020 Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funding Plan (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- g. Approved as a second reading the Resolution Amending the Sampson County Fire Commission and appointed Clark Wooten (Board Member), Ronald Bass (Emergency Services), Jerry Cashwell (Fire Marshal), Billy Lockamy (Insurance Industry), Ken Jackson (Fire Association President), George McGill (County Fire Chief), and Anthony Troublefield (Rescue Association President) to the Commission (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- h. Approved the amendment to the Contract for Solid Waste & Recyclables Collection Service between Sampson County and Waste Industries, LLC (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- i. Approved an amendment to the electronic waste recycling contract between Sampson County and ERI to increase the fee for general e-waste from \$0.16/lb to \$0.25/lb (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- j. Approved tax refunds and releases as submitted:

#9014	Christy Peterson	\$100.11
#9015	Danny Eason	\$111.14
#9016	Larry Faircloth, Jr.	\$150.21
#9018	Quintin Shirley	\$107.81
#9017	Summar Shirley	\$109.97

k. Approved budget amendments as submitted:

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		County Schools		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11659140	555032	Capital Outlay Category 3	\$82,324.00	
11659140	555030	Capital Outlay Category 1		\$82,324.00

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Sampson Community College		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11659220	558000	Roofs and Improvements	\$659,581.00	
21142600	582096	Trans to General Fund	\$250,000.00	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11039999	409900	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$409,581.00	
21034260	409900	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$250,000.00	
11033981	409619	Trans Frm Capital Reserve	\$250,000.00	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Airport Capital Project		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
40981560	5580815	Erosion Control/landscaping	\$114,500.00	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
40038156	403623	City of Clinton	\$103,050.00	
40038156	404000	State Grant	\$5,725.00	
40038156	409619	County Contribution	\$5,725.00	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Library		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11761100	526200	Department Supplies	\$1,480.00	
11761100	526201	Department Supplies – Equipment	\$23,500.00	
11761100	538100	Data Processing – Programming	5,322.00	
11761100	552000	CO – Data Processing Equipment	\$15,170.00	
11761100	544000	Contracted Services	\$2,400.00	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
110361100	403646	LSTA Grant	\$43,798.00	
110361100	408401	Donations	\$4,074.00	

- Approved Clinton City Schools Budget Amendment No. 2 (Federal); Approved Clinton City Schools Budget Amendment No. 4 (State).

County Manager's Report

County Manager Ed Causey noted ongoing projects, such as the hiring process of a new Economic Developer and the site analysis project, and the implementation of customer service plan improvements. He then informed the Board that the recently completed peer review of the Emergency Management Department will be presented to the Board during the August meeting.

Public Comments

The Vice Chairperson opened the floor for comments and the following were received:

Annie Boykin: I am here because I was granted a rehabilitation for a single parent under Juanita Brewington last year, and I was awarded \$41,520.00. The work was done under Robert Strickland. I guess they bid for the lowest bidder that can come and fix the house. I have pictures to prove it. I have gotten up with Juanita. I've been down here several times. In order for them to pay Robert Strickland we had to come together and be in agreement with the work they have done to my house. Okay, I have never been in agreement with the work they have done. I took pictures of the work and wasn't satisfied. They left molding off. They put down vinyl rug siding. They didn't clean the floor before they put down the vinyl rug. It's already coming up in all the rooms and so I went back to Ms. Juanita and Jerry and I asked them is this how you all conduct your business, because the contractor said they we are supposed to be in agreement. Because the contract says I cannot sell my house within 10 years because I was awarded this grant. So they didn't hold up they're end of the bargain. I contacted Ms. Juanita. I had seven letters. They came to the house three times, every time I pointed out something they said it was fine. When the air condition and heating unit came on and my lights were flickering, they said call the light company, that's on the light company, but before they replaced the unit I had no problems with my lights. And I took pictures and everything. The light company agreed to meet me, when they turned to my house, they didn't know they were coming. Okay, then they put it on the man that was inspecting the house, so I had to call him back out. All this long time. It's like they had a year to guarantee their work that they did. Okay Mr. Strickland he will be clear within the next month, I think, and all this time keeps processing over and over. So the only thing I knew to do was to come down here and see what I can do next. Cause Juanita asked me if I was pleased with receiving the grant. I told her that I am thankful for the grant, but I am not pleased with how Rob and them did the work. And I guess who's over the finances paid him. And I've got pictures of the work they did to prove that its of standard, and I'll be willing to show you all the pictures and everything. So I'm just like, where do I go from here?

The County Attorney agreed to assist Ms. Boykin if she agreed to receive the assistance.

Annie Boykin: Yes, I will because I don't have no other choice because I want my house fixed right. And see, then the fire alarm goes off and I had to call the fire department. They just keep going off. They say just change the batteries. I change the battery. I looked and the man said they are upside down for one thing. She said that she met with the Board and you all decided to pay Robert Strickland. And I hate to say this while Juanita is not here, but I pulled up Robert Strickland and I found a rip-off ad in the paper and carried it down there to Ms. Juanita, because everything that's in that ad he did to my house.

The Chairman advised Ms. Boykin to work with the County Attorney regarding the matter.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Chairman Wooten, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.